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## Power Lunch at the Superior Court

*The Superior Court hosts a mentorship event  
to promote and empower young women in Santa Clara County*

SAN JOSÉ, California (April 10, 2019): The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara hosted 31 female middle and high school students at the Superior Court on Monday afternoon for a Power Lunch event. The Power Lunch model aims to inspire youth to make positive choices and engage in pro-social behavior.

The Court's pilot event focused on young women and the issues they face; this included small group discussions with judges, attorneys, and elected officials to hear one-on-one about their journey and to discuss ways for these youth to achieve their dreams. Guest speakers, Supervisor Cindy Chavez and Women's Empowerment Coach Lia Pinelli, delivered thoughtful and inspired messages for the students about how they may look to overcome adversity and doubt in order to find their own path forward. In between speakers, the students met in smaller groups where successful professional female role models offered their own insights and mentorship to the young women.

"All of the experiences that you're having now are going to help you become the kind of person who can be empathetic, compassionate, strong and powerful," said Supervisor Cindy Chavez.

Chair of the Community Outreach Committee and emcee for the event, Judge Julia Alloggiamento stated "We hoped to provide these young women insight into the fact that all women, even the successful women, have gone through struggles. We wanted to then provide them with tools to overcome these struggles and ideally find strength and support in other women."

This event could not have been possible without the additional efforts and resources provided by the Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy, the Santa Clara District Attorney and Public Defender Office, the Alum Rock Unified School District, the East Side Union High School District, the City of San Jose, and the Santa Clara County legislators, educators, attorneys, and judges who donated their time to make this an exceptional event.

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